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For: METHOD FOR USING TROPOELASTIN AND FOR PRODUCING

TROPOELASTIN BIOMATERIALS

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is filed with respect to the Office Action dated 12/17/99.

In the Claims:

Add new claims 100-104; and

Amend claims 1-3, 5-10, 12, 13, 16, 18-21, 23, 24, 36-39, 41-45, 47-49, 51, 53, 54, 74, 76-78, 80-85, 87-89, 91-93, 95, 96, 98 and 99, as follows:

(Amended) A method for producing a [tropoelastin] biomaterial fused onto a tissue 1. substrate comprising:

providing a layer of [tropoelastin] said biomaterial having a first and second outer major surface and a tissue substrate having a first and second outer major surface; and

applying an energy absorbing material, which is energy absorptive within a predetermined range of light wavelengths to a selected one of said first and second outer surfaces of the 06/12/2000 CVURACHA 00000048 131703 08/97/70

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